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FOR: SAMPLING/DISPENSING DEVICE WITH PLUNGER AND HOUSING
SET ONTO PLUNGER

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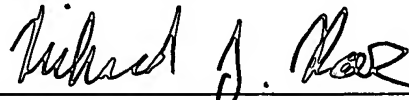
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	AA	3,766,785	10/23/73	Smernoff	73	425.6	05/17/71
	AB	4,830,832	05/16/89	Arpagaus et al.	422	65	12/12/86
	AC	4,967,604	11/06/90	Arpagaus, et al.	73	864.13	04/07/89
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		DOCUMENT NUMBER	DATE	COUNTRY	CLASS	SUB-CLASS	TRANSLATION YES/NO
	BA	EP 0 226 867 A2	01.07.87	Europe	B 01 L	3/02	No
	BB	EP 0 443 227 A1	28.08.91	Europe	A61M	5/315	Yes
	BC	WO 92/20778	26.11.92	PCT	C12M	1/38	Yes
	BD	WO 99/34931	15.07.99	PCT	B05B	13/02	Yes

OTHER DOCUMENTS (INCLUDING AUTHOR, TITLE, DATE, PERTINENT PAGES, ETC.)

	CA	International Search Report for International Application No. PCT/GB00/03142, March 11, 2000

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